

HP Attorney Docket Number 200310068-1, Frederick A. Pernier, Filed 01/29/2004

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-24 were pending.

By this response please cancel claims 1-13.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner alleges the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I as illustrated in figure 4 corresponding to claims 1-6.

Species II as illustrated in figure 5 corresponding to claims 7-13.

Species III as illustrated in figure 16 corresponding to claims 14-24.

Applicants herein elect without traverse, Species III corresponding to claims 14-24.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that no fees are due; however, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment and Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 08-2025, referencing the Attorney Docket Number 200310068-1.

Respectfully submitted,

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